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or what they call painless tax because people don't know that it's happening to them, so we're engaging in a type of political sleight of hand when we raise the sales tax. But for it to be raised in this fashion, I have even greater opposition. And I'm going to oppose Senator Warner's amendment because, and I know it will probably go, but I think if you're going to use this bill as...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired. Senator Lynch, on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, if I could ask Senator Warner a question of clarification, so I understand.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR LYNCH: And I tried to work with a few folks before I asked you the question, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Sure.

SENATOR LYNCH: As I understand it your amendment to the Schmit amendment would provide that the increase in the sales tax would provide funds for the Highway Trust Fund, and that's about, what, eight or nine million dollars?

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon?

SENATOR LYNCH: Is that about eight or nine million dollars?

SENATOR WARNER: One percent on sales tax on motor vehicles, semis, semitrailers, currently is anticipated to raise about 14 million, which is divided between the cities, counties and the state.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: But I...All I'm trying to do is keep the...and I cited the wrong section. The section I should have cited is 77-27132 is the proper section to change the money for allocation of the funds collected from sales tax on motor vehicles. And all I was trying to do is to not have a conflict in this language and the other section. If the body wishes to divert highway money, what we used to call, that you can do with 25 votes, but you need to do it in a different section of law,